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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Andrew H. Cragg  
Appl. No. : 09/848,556  
Filed : May 3, 2001  
For : METHODS OF PERFORMING  
PROCEDURES IN THE SPINE  
Examiner : Pedro Philogene  
Group Art Unit : 3732

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 12, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.